MINUTES

OF THE

ORGANIZATION

AND OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Synod of Harrisburg,

WITH AN APPENDIX.

A. D. 1870.

Rev. WM. J. GIBSON, D. D., Moderator.
Rev. T. H. ROBINSON, D. D, Stated Clerk.
Rev. R. M. WALLACE, Permanent Clerk.
Rev. S. J. MILLIKEN, Temporary Clerk.
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EXTRACT FROM THE ENABLING ACT

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

PASSED PHILADELPHIA JUNE 3, 1870.

"The Synod of Harrisburg is hereby constituted, to consist of the Presbyteries and parts of Presbyteries included within the district lying west of the Synod of Philadelphia and east of the west line of the counties of M'Kean, Cameron, Clearfield, Blair, and Bedford, in the State of Pennsylvania, to meet on the twenty-eighth day of June next, at 7½ p. m., in the First Presbyterian Church of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, and to be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Thomas Creigh, D. D., or in his absence by the oldest minister present."

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MINUTES

OF THE

SESSION FOR THE ORGANIZATION

OF THE

SYNOD OF HARRISBURG.

BELLEFONTE, June 28, 1870—7½ P. M.

[*Extract from the minutes of the General Assembly.*]

"The Synod of Harrisburg, as defined by this General Assembly, is appointed to meet in Bellefonte, Pa., on Tuesday, the 28th of June, 1870, at 7½ o'clock p. m.

"The Rev. Thomas Creigh, D. D., or the oldest Minister present, as Alternate, to preach and preside, until a Moderator be chosen.

"Attest: CYRUS DICKSON, D. D.,

"Permanent Clerk General Assembly Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

"Philadelphia, June 2, 1870."

In accordance with the above action of the Assembly, the Synod of Harrisburg met in the First Presbyterian Church, of Bellefonte, Pa., at 7½ p. m. The Rev. Thomas Creigh, D. D., being present, preached the opening sermon from Acts 11th: 20, 21. After sermon the Synod was duly constituted with prayer by the Moderator, and the Rev. T. H. Robinson, D. D., was appointed temporary clerk. The stated clerks called the rolls of their respective Presbyteries, and parts of Presbyteries, when the following answered to their names, viz:

Presbytery of Carlisle.

Ministers.

Thomas Creigh, D. D.,
A. D. Mitchell,
W. A. West,
J. S. Gordon,
J. A. Crawford,
S. W. Pomeroy,
W. B. M'Kee,
Robert M'Pherson,
A. K. Strong, D. D.,
J. G. Downing.

Elders.

Daniel Kendig, Middletown;
J. S. Nixon, Chambersburg;
John Clendenin, Silver Spring;
William Blair, Carlisle 2d;
George Hench, Centre;
H. Murray Graydon, Harrisburg, Pine St.;
Joseph M. Meaus, Middle Spring.

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Presbytery of Harrisburg.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
T. H. Robinson, D. D.,	John B. Hall, Williamsport 2d;
C. P. Wing, D. D.,	Hiram Mudge, Williamsport 3d;
William Sterling.	John A. Weir, Harrisburg, Market square;
	Peter Wilson, Spring Mills.

Presbytery of Huntingdon.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
Samuel Lawrence,	William Bell, Mifflintown;
W. J. Gibson, D. D.,	Moses Thompson, Spring Creek;
David Sterrett,	John Porter, Alexandria;
John P. Hudson,	Dr. J. M Morrison, Upper Tuscarora;
N. Grier White,	James L. Gwin, Altoona;
O. O. M'Clean, D. D,	D. W. Woods, Lewistown;
Robert Hamill, D. D.,	Samuel W. Barr, Tyrone;
George W. Zahniser,	W. P. Orbison, Huntingdon;
R. M. Wallace,	James Alexander, Milesburgh;
William T. Wiley,	H. N. M'Allister, Bellefonte;
John W. White,	Samuel Maclay, Milroy;
R F. Wilson,	T. F. Patton, Pinegrove;
R. Lewis M'Cune,	Joseph Campbell, West Kishacoquillas;
Thad. M'Rae,	Elisha Bratton, Waynesburg Church;
D. H. Barron,	S. S. Blair, Hollidaysburg;
R. J. Graves,	W. Reynolds, Spruce Creek;
W. M. Burchfield,	Elias Turner, Bald Eagle;
W. O. Wright,	John Sechler, Washington;
Jos. Waugh,	David Wilson, Perryville;
H. S. Butler,	John F. Weaver, Clearfield;
R. C. Bryson,	Armstrong Crawford, Sinking Valley.
James P. Hughes,	
R. M. Campbell,	
James J. Coale,	
Joseph C. Kelley,	
L. L Haughawout,	
Andrew Parker.	

Presbytery of Northumberland.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
J. Grier, D. D.,	John V. Barber, Buffalo;
Joseph Stevens,	John P. Finley, I Williamsport;
W. Simonton,	Samuel H. Fredericks, Great Island;
Joseph Nesbitt,	Jacob Bubb, Jersey Shore;
A. D. Hawn,	Thomas Howard, Lewisburg;
W. G. E. Agnew,	John Griffin, Chilisquaque;
S. J. Milliken,	H. H. Shisler, Shamokintown;
Charles H. Park,	John Robinson, Bloomsburg;
S. C. M'Elroy,	W. C. Lawson, Milton.
J. C. Watson, D. D.	

Presbytery of Wellsboro.

Minister.	*Elders.*
J. L. Landis.	None.

The Rev. Thomas Creigh, D. D., of the Presbytery of Carlisle, was elected Moderator by acclamation The Rev. T. H. Robinson, D. D., of the Presbytery of Harrisburg, was chosen Stated Clerk; the Rev. R M. Wallace, of the Pres-

bytery of Huntingdon, was chosen Permanent Clerk; the Rev. W. Simonton, of the Presbytery of Northumberland, was chosen Temporary Clerk, and John A. Weir, Esq., of the Presbytery of Harrisburg, was chosen Treasurer of the Synod.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Hamill, it was

Resolved,, That a Committee on the Reconstruction of the Presbyteries be appointed, consisting of one Minister and one Ruling Elder from each of the Presbyteries.

The Moderator announced the Committee, as follows, viz:

From the Presbytery of Carlisle—A. D. Mitchell, Minister; Wm. Blair, Ruling Elder.

From the Presbytery of Harrisburg—Dr. C. P. Wing, Minister; J. A. Weir, Ruling Elder.

From the Presbytery of Huntingdon—Dr. R. Hamill, Minister; H. N. M'Allister, Ruling Elder.

From the Presbytery of Northumberland—Dr. J. C. Watson, Minister; W. C. Lawson, Ruling Elder.

From the Presbytery of Wellsboro—J. L. Landis, Minister; no Elder.

Synod agreed to spend the first hour, to-morrow morning, in devotional exercises.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, June 29—8½ O'CLOCK A. M.

Synod met, and spent an hour in devotional exercises under the direction of the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and approved.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Watson, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That, for the present, the Rules appended to the Form of Government be adopted for the transaction of the business of this Synod, and that a committee be appointed to report to Synod, at its next stated meeting, General Rules for the regulation of the body.

In accordance with the above, the following Committee was appointed, viz: Rev. J. C. Watson, D. D., Rev. R. Hamill, D. D., Rev. T. H. Robinson, D. D., Rev. C. P. Wing, D. D., Ministers; and H. N. M'Allister, Esq., Elder.

The Rev. Tryon Edwards, D. D., of the Synod of Baltimore; the Rev. John Edgar, of the Synod of Philadelphia; the Rev. Alfred Yeomans, of the Synod of New Jersey, and the Rev. J. H. Barnard, of the Synod of Wisconsin, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Rev. C. P. Wing, D. D., Chairman of the Committee of Reconstruction made the following report, which was accepted, amended, and unanimously adopted, to wit:

The Committee appointed to arrange the Presbyteries within the bounds of the Synod would recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That in the discharge of the duty enjoined upon this Synod by the last General Assembly, in the work of reconstruction, the Presbyteries, and parts of Presbyteries within the bounds of the Synod of Harrisburg, be, and they hereby are, organized into four Presbyteries, constituted as follows, viz:

1. The Presbytery of Carlisle shall consist of the Ministers and Churches within the territorial limits of the counties of Dauphin, Perry, Cumberland, Adams, Franklin, and Fulton, to meet immediately on the adjournment of Synod, in the Presbyterian Church of Bellefonte; at which meeting the Rev. C. P. Wing, D. D., shall preside until a new Moderator shall be chosen; and, said Presbytery of Carlisle is hereby declared to be the legal successor of the late Presbyteries of Carlisle and Harrisburg; and, as such, entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and privileges, and liable to the performance of all the duties of these Presbyteries.

2. The Presbytery of Huntingdon shall consist of the Ministers and Churches within the territorial limits of the Counties of Bedford, Blair, Clearfield, Centre, Mifflin, Juniata, and Huntindon, to meet immediately on the adjournment of this Synod, in the Presbyterian Church of Bellefonte, at which meeting the Rev. R. M. Wallace shall preside until a new Moderator is chosen; and the said Presbytery of Huntingdon is hereby declared to be the legal successor of the late Presbytery of Huntingdon; and as such entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and privileges, and liable to the performance of all the duties of said Presbytery.

3. The Presbytery of Northumberland shall consist of all the Ministers and Churches within the territorial limits of the counties of Clinton, Lycoming, Columbia, Montour, Snyder, Northumberland, Union, and Cameron, to meet immediately on the adjournment of this Synod, in the Presbyterian Church of Bellefonte, at which meeting the Rev. Dr. Watson shall preside until a new Moderator is chosen; and, said Presbytery of Northumberland is hereby declared to be the legal successor of the late Presbytery of Northumberland, and as such entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and privileges, and liable to the performance of all the duties of said Presbytery.

4. The Presbytery of Wellsboro' shall consist of all the Ministers and Churches within the territorial limits of the counties of Tioga, Potter and McKean, to meet on the third Thursday in July next, at 2 o'clock p. m. in the Presbyterian Church of Wellsboro'; at which meeting the Rev. J. F. Calkins shall preside until a new moderator is elected; and said Presbytery of Wellsboro is hereby declared to be the legal successor of the late Presbytery of Wellsboro', and as such entitled to the possession and enjoyment of all the rights and privileges, and liable to the performance of all the duties of said Presbytery.

The following Committee to assess the several Presbyteries for contingent expenses of the Synod was appointed, viz: Dr. J. Grier, Dr. Gibson, Ministers, and J. M. Means, Elder.

The Pine street Presbyterian Church, of Harrisburg, was chosen as the place for holding the first stated meeting of this Synod, and the third Tuesday of October, at 7 o'clock p. m., as the time for said meeting.

The Rev. R. M. Wallace presented the following which was accepted and adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, the General Assembly have directed the Board of Publication, at as early a day as possible, to consider the propriety of establishing a Department of Sabbath Schools, whose office it shall be, to promote the number and efficiency of Sabbath Schools throughout the congregations of the Presbyterian Church: now, therefore, in furtherance of this movement,

Be it Resolved, That a Committee of six be appointed by this Synod, whose duty it shall be to gather all the information necessary in regard to the condition and working of the Sabbath Schools within our bounds, and report the same, at the next meeting of Synod, together with a recommendation of such measures as they deem best suited to put all our Sabbath Schools, at the earliest day, in the best possible working order.

In accordance with the above resolution, the following Committee was appointed, viz: The Rev. Messrs Wiley, Wallace, Robinson, Hawn, and Landis, Ministers; and H. N. M'Allister, Ruling Elder.

The Rev. T. H. Robinson, D. D., read a letter from the Rev. Dr. Ellinwood, Secretary of the Committee of the Five Million Million of Fund, suggesting the appointment of a Committee of Laymen of this Synod to correspond with the said Memorial Fund Committee.

A resolution, complying with the above suggestion was offered, and, pending its consideration, the Rev. Tryon Edwards, D. D., was invited to address the Synod, which he did, particularly with reference to the importance of endowing the Wilson Female College, at Chambersburg.

The resolution was then adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Resolved, That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Memorial Fund Committee, a Committee of two from each Presbytery, a Minister and a Layman, be appointed to constitute the Synodical Committee on the Memorial Fund.

The Committee is as follows:

Presbytery of Carlisle—Rev. T. H. Robinson, Minister, and W. G. Reed, Elder.

Presbytery of Huntingdon—Rev. D. H. Barron, Minister, and S. S. Blair, Elder.

Presbytery of Northumberland—Rev. Joseph Stevens, Minister, and J. B. Hall, Elder.

Presbytery of Wellsboro'—Rev. J F. Calkins, Minister, and Judge H.W. Williams, Elder.

The following resolution was introduced, discussed, and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and present to this Synod, at its next meeting, a plan by which regular contributions to the various benevolent objects of our Church shall be secured from each member, in every church and congregation.

The Committee are T. H. Robinson, Chairman; W. T. Wiley, A. D. Hawn, and A. K. Strong, Ministers; and H. N. M'Allister, and J. A. Weir, Elders.

The Committee on Assessment reported the following, which was adopted:

The Committee to assess the Presbyteries for the Contingent Fund of this Synod recom-

mend that the Presbyteries of Carlisle, Huntingdon and Northumberland, be each assessed in the sum of thirty dollars, and the Presbytery of Wellsboro' in the sum of ten dollars.

An invitation from the Snow Shoe Railroad Company, for an excursion, was accepted for to-morrow, and the thanks of the Synod returned for the same.

Synod directed the Stated Clerk to have an abstract of the proceedings of this meeting published in the religious Journals of the Church.

The Treasurer was authorized to procure a book for the records of the Synod.

On motion, Synod took a recess until 1½ o'clock, p. m.

After recess Synod met and resumed business.

On motion, the thanks of Synod were returned to the people of Bellefonte for their kind hospitality.

The usual fee was ordered to be paid to the Janitor of this Church.

A Committee on the Narrative of the state of religion was appointed—consisting of Rev. Joseph Stevens, Rev. W. A. West, ministers, and Judge Jas. L. Gwin, Elder, to whom the Presbyteries are directed to send their Narratives, at least two weeks before the next meeting of Synod.

Prof. David Wilson, Elder, of Perrysville, and John Robinson, Elder, of Bloomsburg, appeared and gave satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

Rev. Dr. Hamill offered the following, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That our Churches, in view of being called on to contribute to the Five Million Memorial Fund, have their attention specially directed to the Sustentation Fund proposed by the General Assembly.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet in the Pine St. Church, Harrisburg, on the 3d Tuesday of Oct. 1870, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

Concluded with singing and prayer.

W. Simonton, *Temporary Clerk.*
R. M. Wallace, *Permanent Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND SESSION

OF THE

SYNOD OF HARRISBURG.

HARRISBURG, Oct. 18, 1870.

The Synod of Harrisburg met in the Pine St. Church, Harrisburg, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Creigh, from Luke v, 4-6. After sermon Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was made out and is as follows:

Presbytery of Carlisle.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
Robert M'Cachren,		Welsh Run, V.
Thomas Creigh, D. D.,	O. L. Murray,	Mercersburg.
		St. Thomas and Rocky Spring.
Conway P. Wing, D. D.	J. C. Hoffer,	Carlisle, I.
	Robert Mateer.	Shippensburg.
Joseph A. Murray, D. D.,		Petersburg.
	A. B. Anderson,	Buffalo and Upper.
James F. Kennedy,		Fayetteville.
David C. Meeker,	Dr. William Graydon,	Dauphin.
Ebenezer Erskine, D. D., 2	Thomas Stough,	Newville.
J. G. Downing,		Newport and Mifflintown.
Andrew D. Mitchell,	John B. Rutherford, 2	Paxton and Derry.
Isaac N. Hays,	James Reeside	Chambersburg Central.
William A. West,	W. A. Mackey.	Upper Path Valley.
William B. Craig,		
J. Smith Gordon,	J. H. Walker,	Lower Path Valley and Burnt Cabins
T. H. Robinson, D. D.,	Dr. James Fleming,	Harrisburg, Market Square.
J. W. Wightman, 3,		
	David Dietrick,	Green Castle.
Henry L. Rex,		Middletown.
J. Agnew Crawford,	Dr. John Shoemaker,	Chambersburg and Falling Spring.
James S. Woodburn,	D. P. Tritt,	Dickinson.
William B. M'Kee,		
William Thomson,	William J. Stewart,	Duncannon and Shermansdale.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
D. K. Richardson,	Joseph M. Means,	Middle Spring.
Robert M'Pherson,		Landisburg and Centre.
William S. Vaneleve,		Gt. Conewago and Lower Marsh Creek.
Addison K. Strong, D. D.,	Francis Wyeth,	Harrisburg, Pine street.
George Norcross,	Joseph Stewart,	Carlisle, II.
Stephen W. Pomeroy		M'Connellsb'g, Green Hill, Wells Valley.
William H. Hillis,		Gettysburg.
Samuel W. Reigart,	David L. Clark,	Mechaniesburg.
Charles A. Wyeth, 2,	Dr. John Curwen,	Harrisburg, Seventh street.
O. H. Miller,		
30		Bloomfield.
		Hanover.
	Wm. J. Adore,	Harrisburg, 2d.
		Waynesboro'.
		Buck Valley.
	Robert A. Bueher,	Silver's Spring.
	22	Green Castle. 48

Absent.—A. K. Nelson, James Harper, D. D., Joseph Mahon, James J. Hamilton, Edwin Emerson, Samuel B. Smith, Galen W. Seiler, John Edgar. 8

Presbytery of Huntingdon.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
Matthew Allison,	Jacob A. Christy,	Mifflintown and Lost Creek.
Samuel Lawrenee,		
William J. Gibson, D. D.,		East Freedom and Martinsburg.
N. G. White,		Williamsburg.
Oliver O. M'Clean, D. D.,	James Parker,	Lewistown.
Robert Hamill, D. D., 2,	William Kerr, 2,	Sinking and Spring Creek.
George W. Newell,		Fruit Hill.
George W. Zahniser,	Hon. John Scott	Huntingdon.
Robert M. Wallaee.	Jonathan Hamilton,	Altoona, I.
William T. Wylie,	H. N. M'Allister,	Bellefonte.
John W. White, 2,	William A. Manigle,	Milroy.
Thaddens M'Rae,	William Maeklin,	Waynesburg and Newton Hamilton.
Robert F. Wilson, 2,		Bedford.
S. Miller Moore, 2,	Samuel Patterson,	Alexandria.
John P. Clarke, 2,		Little Valley.
Washington O. Wright, 2,		Milesburg.
John C. Wilhelm, 2,		Sehellsburg.
J. E. Kearns,	Dr. J. M. Morrison,	Upper Tuscarora and Peru.
Henry S. Butler,		Clearfield.
David Sterritt,		Shaver's Creek.
Joseph Waugh, 3,		Altoona, II.
Andrew H. Parker.		East Kishaeoquillas.
James J. Coale,	Perry Moore,	Sinking Valley.
Joseph C. Kelley,	William B. Johnson,	Spruce Creek.
24	James M'Glaughlin,	Perrysville.
Ministers Absent.	13	Mapleton.
Samuel Hill,		Shirleysburg and Mount Union.
Britton E. Collins,		Lick Run.
Samuel H. M'Donald,		Bald Eagle.
Moses Floyd,		Osceola.
William Prideaux,		Kylertown and Beulah.
R. Lewis M'Cune,		Bradford.
Joseph H. Mathers,		Lower Tusearora.
David H. Barron,		Tyrone.
Robert C. Bryson,		Bethel.
R J. Graves,		Logan's Valley.

Ministers Absent.		*Churches.*
John H. Sargent,		Hollidaysburg.
William M. Burchfield,		Saxton and Yellow Creek.
James P. Hughes,		Prospect.
S. J. Orris,		Birmingham.
Richard M. Campbell,		Pine Grove.
William C. Kuhn,		Moshannon and Snowshoe.
L. L. Haughawont,		West Kishacoquillas.
Samuel S. Wallen,		Shade Gap.
		Phillipsburg.
James Smith,		Curwensville.
19		Luthersburg.
		Unity.
		Middle Tusearora.
		Hublersburg.
		Spring Mills. 58

Presbytery of Northumberland.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
James C. Watson, D. D.,	W. C. Lawson.	Milton.
Isaac Grier, D. D.,	R. B. Barber,	Buffalo
William Sterling,	A. D. Lundy.	Williamsport, 2d
David J. Waller,	J. Robinson.	Bloomsburg.
W. G. E. Agnew,		Bald Eagle and Nittany.
Joseph Stevens,		Jersey Shore.
Joseph Nesbit,	Charles Corse,	Great Island.
Alexander B. Jack, 2,	Patterson Johnson,	Mahoning.
Samuel P. Herron,	David Wilson,	Warrior Run.
Charles H. Park,		Chilisquaque and Mooresburg
Samuel J. Milliken.		Sunbury,
Abram D. Hawn,		Williamsport, 3d.
Alexander D. Moore,		Northumberland
Henry G. Finney,		Lycoming Centre.
Nathaniel Spear,		Orangeville, Rhorsburg and Sugarloaf.
Benjamin T. Jones,	Thomas Howard,	Lewisburg.
Reuben H. Van Pelt,		Grove.
Solomon C. M'Elroy,		Washingtonville and Derry.
S. M. Gould, 3,		
19	Adam Clapp, 9	Washington.
Ministers Absent.		Williamsport, 1.
John H. Grier,		New Columbia,
Phineas B. Marr,		Muncy.
David Hull,		Mifflinburg, New Berlin, Hartleton.
William Simonton,		M'Ewensville.
John Thomas,		Berwick and Briar Creek.
S. Smith Sturges,		Lycoming and Linden.
Archibald Herron,		
Philip W. Melich,		North Point and Renova.
James D. Reardon,		Emporium.
Frederick J. Kolb,		Elysburg.
James Dickson,		Centralia.
John C. Caldwell.		Holland Run.
John P. Hudson,		
13		Montoursville.
		Pennsdale.
		Shamokin.
		Shamokintown.
		Nippenose. 44

Organized since meeting of Synod—Mt. Carmel.
" " " Lock Haven, II.

Presbytery of Wellsboro.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
Joseph A Rosseel,		
James F. Calkins,	S. E. Ensworth,	Wellsboro.
Jacob D. Mitchell, D. D.,		
Walter S. Drysdale,		Lawreneeville,
C. Otis Thateher, 5		Tioga.
		Beecher's Island.
Ministers Absent.		Farmington.
Elijah D· Wells,		Fall Brook and Morris Run.
Sidney Mills.		Ulysses.
George R. H. Shumway,		Coudersport.
Samuel A. Rawson,		Arnot.
Elisha B. Benediet,		Blossburg.
Frederiek Graves,		Covington.
David W. Eakins,		Elkland·
Edward Kennedy,		Mansfield. 14
John Caldwell,		
John L. Landis,		
John L. Swain, 11		

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 19, 1870—9 O'CLOCK, A. M

The Synod met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Rev. William J. Gibson, D. D., of the Presbytery of Huntingdon, was chosen Moderator. After spending an hour in devotional exercises, which were conducted by Elder John Scott, the Synod resumed business.

The Rev. Samuel J. Milliken was chosen Temporary Clerk. The minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read and corrected.

The Rev. John W. Dulles, of the Synod of Philadelphia, Rev. W. W. Eells, of the Synod of Pittsburg, Rev. Stuart Mitchell, of the Synod of Wisconsin, Rev. H. Kingsbury, of the Synod of New York, and Rev J. M. Sherwood, of the Synod of Long Island, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees, viz :

I. *Judicial Committee.*—Revs. James C. Watson, D. D., Joseph A. Murray, D. D., Conway P. Wing, D. D. *Elders*, John Seott, H. N. MeAllister.

II. *Bills and Overtures.*—Revs. Thomas Creigh, D. D., William Sterling, James F. Calkins. *Elders*, W. C. Lawson, Dr. J. M. Morrison.

III. *Minutes of the General Asssmbly* —Revs. Robt. Hamill, D. D., A D. Moore, W. G. E. Agnew, C. Otis Thateher, *Elder*, Jonathan Hamilton.

IV. *Narrative.*—Revs. O. O. MeClean, D. D., A. D. Hawn, Henry L. Rex.

V. *Leave of Absence.*—Revs. Joseph Stevens, John W White. *Elder*, Dr. Jas Fleming.

VI. *Treasurer's Accounts.*—*Elders*, Dr. John Shoemaker, J. E. Ensworth, James Parker.

VII. *Religious Exercises* —Revs. A. K. Stron , D. D , W. T. Wylie. *Elder*, Francis Wyeth.

VIII. *Presbyterial Records.*

1. *Carlisle.*—Revs. Jacob D. Mitchell, D. D., John W. White. *Elder*, R. B. Barber.

2. *Huntingdon.*—Revs. Robt. McCachren, D. J. Waller. *Elder*, Dr. James Fleming.

3. *Northumberland.*—Revs. G W. Zahniser, Robt. F. Wilson *Elder*, Joseph M. Means.

4. *Wellsboro'.*—Revs. Isaac Grier, D. D., A. D. Mitchell. *Elder*, James McGlaughlin.

The rules appended to the Form of Government with the following amendment, viz: "The previous question shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present, and the effect shall be to put an end to all debate and bring the body to a direct vote; 1st. On a motion to commit the subject under consideration, (if such motion shall have been made). 2d. If the motion for commitment does not prevail, on pending amendments; and lastly on the main question, were adopted for the present guidance of Synod.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to report General Rules for the government of the Body was continued.

A special committee consisting of the following persons, Revs T. H. Robinson, Isaac Greer, J. W. White, and Elders Jos. Stewart and H. N. M'Allister, was appointed to prepare and report Standing Rules for this Synod.

The Rev. John W. Dulles, one of the Secretaries of the Board of Publication, was heard in behalf of the objects of the Board.

The Committee of Arrangements and Devotional Exercises reported, recommending that the hours of recess be from 12½ o'clock p. m. to 2½ p. m , and from 5 to 7 p. m.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Stated Clerk, together with Rev. D. J. Waller and Elder Francis Wyeth, were appointed a Committee to ascertain what arrangement can be made with the railroad companies for returning members of Synod at reduced fare.

Elder D. P. Tritt appeared and gave reasons for late attendance at Synod, which were sustained.

On an inquiry from the Committee appointed to review the Records of the Presbytery of Carlisle, for instruction as to what portion of the said minutes they should review, it was directed that they review all the records that have not been previously reviewed.

Rev. Dr. J. D. Mitchell, at his own request, was excused from serving on the Committee on these Records, and the Rev. Joseph Stevens was appointed in his place.

The Committee on Standing Rules reported through its Chairman. The report

was accepted, amended, and adopted; and, together with subsequent additions, is as follows, viz:

Standing Rules of Synod.

I. Meeting of Synod.—This Synod shall meet annually, on the third Thursday of October, at such hour and place as shall be designated at the meeting of the preceding year.

II. The place of meeting shall be determined by a majority, and not by a plurality of votes. After the first ballot, the two places having the greatest number of votes shall alone be voted for.

III. Religious Exercises of the Synod.—The annual meeting of the Synod shall be opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, or, in case of his failure, by some member of the Synod, designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

IV. Each morning session of the Synod shall be opened with devotional exercises, to be continued one hour.

V. A Synodical prayer meeting shall be held on the first afternoon of the sessions of Synod, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Synod, and the Presbyteries, Sessions and Churches within its bounds.

VI. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be celebrated at each annual meeting of Synod, on the Sabbath day.

VII. Clerks.—The clerks of Synod shall be a Stated and a Permanent Clerk, who shall serve during the pleasure of Synod, and a Temporary Clerk, who shall be elected annually.

VIII. The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery is required to report to the Synod at each Annual Meeting, the number of Churches, Ministers, Licentiates and Candidates within the bounds of the Presbytery; and also the changes that have taken place during the year; such as the death, the reception and dismission of ministers, ordinations, installations, licensures, dissolutions of pastoral relationships, organization of churches, &c., &c. He shall also, in time for the opening of Synod, furnish the Stated Clerk of Synod with a correct roll of the Presbytery.

IX. Committees.—The following standing committees shall be appointed at each annual meeting:

1. A Committee on Bills and Overtures to consist of five members.
2. A Judicial Committee to consist of five members.
3. A Committee on Finance and the Treasurer's Account of three members.
4. A Committee on the Narrative to consist of three members.
5. A Committee on Leave of Absence to consist of three members.
6. A Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly to consist of five members.
7. As many committees on the Records of the Presbyteries as there are Presbyteries in the Synod, to consist of three members each.
8. Synodical permanent committees on the following objects: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Publication, Education, Church Erection, Ministerial Relief, Freedmen, Sabbath Schools, and the Narrative of the State of Religion.

X. These Committees shall consist of the Chairman of the several Presbyterial Committees on their respective objects, together with an Elder for each to be appointed by the

Moderator, and they shall be expected to prepare and present full reports at each meeting of the Synod.

XI. Narratives and Statistical Reports.—The Narratives on the State of Religion reported by the Presbyteries, shall embrace the results of the year to October 1st, and shall, with the Statistical Reports, be read to Synod during the half-hour preceeding the Synodical Prayer Meeting, and then be referred respectively to the Committee of the Synod on the Narrative, and the Stated Clerk.

XII. The Presbyterial Narratives shall be sent to the Chairman of the Synod's Committee, and the Statistical Reports to the Stated Clerk of Synod, ten days before its meeting.

XIII. Absentees.—Members of Synod cannot absent themselves from its meetings without neglect of duty, unless prevented from attendance by sickness or other Providential dispensations.

XIV. Members of Synod absent from its sessions shall assign reasons for such absence by letter. Those who are absent twice in succession, without assigning reasons, shall be notified of their delinquency by the Stated Clerk of Synod, and called on for reasons of absence.

The Stated Clerk shall, at least one month previous to each meeting of the Synod, write to the Session of each Church which failed to be represented at the last previous meeting, asking them to forward reasons for such non-representation, and urging them to be represented at the approaching meeting.

XV. All reasons assigned for absence are to be laid before the Synod's Committee on Leave of Absence, and its action thereon shall be reported to Synod, before the close of the session.

XVI. Committee of Arrangements.—A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed at each session of the Synod for the ensuing year, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod, and make such arrangements with the Railroad Companies for the transit of the members of Synod as may be possible.

XVII. Minutes.—The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Synod shall be published under the direction of the Stated Clerk as soon as possible after the adjournment, and a copy sent to every Minister of Synod and to the session of every Church in Synod.

XVIII. Janitor.—The Janitor's fee shall be six dollars.

XIX. Close of Session.—At the close of the sessions of Synod, the roll shall be called and the names of absentees shall be marked.

Elder Patterson Johnson appeared and gave reasons for late attendance; also Rev. Alexander B. Jack, of the Presbytery of Northumblerland, and Rev. Ebenezer Erskine, D. D., of the Presbytery of Carlisle. Their reasons were sustained.

The Committee on Religious Exereises made a report which was adopted, and is as follows, viz :

The Committee on Religious Exercises would report, recommending that the Synod devote this evening to the consideration of the claims on our Church of the work of Missions, both in the Home and Foreign field. We would also recommend that brief addresses be made by brethren of the Synod on this subject, viz: That Rev. Joseph Stevens and Elder

John Scott open the discussion on Foreign Missions, and Rev. Wm. Sterling and Elder H. N. McAllister open the discussion on Home Missions.

The committee would further recommend that the first hour of Thursday morning's session be spent in devotional exercises, and that Elder Dr. John Shoemaker lead the meeting.

They would also recommend that the Synod devote Thursday evening to the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; that the Moderator preside and conduct the opening and closing exercises: Rev. George Norcoss administer the Bread, and Rev. James F. Calkins the Cup, and that Elders Wm. B. Johnson, A. B. Anderson, R. B. Barber, Samuel Patterson, Dr. Wm. Graydon and Dr. J. M. Morrison distribute the Bread; and Elders J. A. Christy, Dr. J. Curwen, S. E. Ensworth, J. Hamilton, J. M. Means and R. Mateer distribute the Cup.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence made the following report which was adopted, viz:

The Committee appointed by Synod in accordance with the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and present to this Synod, a plan by which regular Benevolent Contributions to the various objects of our Church activities shall be secured from each member of every Church and Congregation; would present the following report: The importance of the subject assigned us, that of systematic beneficence, has passed beyond the limits of discussion. It is universally admitted. It can scarcely be exaggerated. We shall not presume to treat it. It is enough for us that eighteen hundred years ago, an Apostle of Jesus Christ moved by the Holy Ghost, presented to the Christian Church a law and plan of systematic benevolent contributions which were doubtless intended to declare the Divine thought upon this matter, and to be a guide to the Church of all ages. And surely, the demands of the great work of human redemption in this age, the resources God has put into the hands of the Church, the perils to the Church, of its own unsanctified wealth, and the value to christian character of a trained and regular and self-denying beneficence, present sufficient reasons for giving this whole subject a most serious and earnest consideration.

Having examined a system of regular contributions already in successful operation in one or more of our Churches, the Committee have concluded to present it to the Synod for such discussion and action as may be deemed best. In order to make the subject as clear and simple as possible, we now lay before you the following method, hoping that it may commend itself to the entire Synod as completely as it does to your Committee as a plan eminently feasible, easy in practical working and efficient in results. I. The system. II. The advantages of it. III. How to introduce it. IV. Its practical results as already tested.

I. The System.—There are two sets of cards, or rather one card printed on both sides, one side for the Trustees who manage the temporal interests of the Congregation. On this side, under the head of SUPPORT OF THE GOSPEL an estimate is made of the money required for the year for Pastor's salary, sexton's services, Sabbath School work, fuel, light, repairs, etc. This divided by 365 gives how much is needed EVERY DAY for the year. This result divided by the number of communicants, shows the average per day required for each. Some, of course, can give far more than this average amount, while others fall

far below it. The contributions of friends, adherents and children, in addition to communicants, will almost certainly secure the average required.

The second side is for the SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL. No estimate is placed on this, but each communicant is enjoined to give as God enables, a DAILY sum, to which from time to time may be added, as a special contribution, whatever the giver is able to set apart. Every friend is also invited to join in this. The sum total of this fund is before the Session who appropriate, as they think best, to the different Boards and other claims which are brought before the Church and report their action to the Congregation.

Envelopes.—Two sets of envelopes accompany these cards. One package of 12, or one for each month, of a dark color, is furnished by the trustees. The other package also contains 12 envelopes, of a light color, the different colors being used to distinguish them.

The cards are distributed to the Congregation, and given to every member and adherent, and also to the children of church members. The object is explained and each is urged to make his duty a matter of careful and prayerful study, and then to fill up the blanks in each card, sign his name and return on the next Sabbbath. It is very important that families so divide their contributions that each member, even the little child, shall have some share in the work.

When the cards are returned the names are entered on the sheet prepared for the yearly record, together with the amount subscribed by each. Then 24 envelopes are placed with each card, (12 dark for Church support, and 12 light for the Spread of the Gospel,) and they are given to the person whose name is on the card, having a gum band slipped over them for convenience On the back of each envelope is written the person's name, as on the card. At the close of each month every individual places the amount of his contribution in the envelope, seals it, and drops it into the collection on Sabbath. The Treasurer opens the envelopes, credits each with the payment made, and thus the work goes on to the close of the year.

In case some members of the Church have not sent in their cards at the first, as is likely to occur through delay or carelessness, such should be called on by a Committee of Session for the work of Benevolence, and by a Committee of Trustees for the other.

Not one member of the Church should be left whose names is not enrolled as giving, if only ONE CENT a day.

A neat box made of Japanned tin, and handsomely finished, has been prepared for each contributor. It has a pocket for the envelopes and a box for the money, and hung up in the most convenient place, constantly reminds the giver of duty, and keeps everything in the best possible shape for its performance. These cost but little by the quantity and are of great value.

II. Advantages of this System.—These are numerous and decided both as to the individual giving and the cause. They are even more important in a spiritual point of view than in a pecuniary.

1. Every one is called to do his share in the Lord's work.

2. Each gives in the easiest way, Day by Day, Little by Little.

3. Each is called to exercise conscience, and act habitually as toward God, thus educating himself in God's work.

4. Daily thought and daily prayer are directed to our first great work in life—sustaining and extending the Lord's cause.

5. The Session can see just how each member is performing his duty

6. There is no annoyance from collectors, each being his own collector, and the account can be prepared so that a glance will show how it stands.

7. The poorest member of the Church can do his share just as well as the wealthiest, and feel that all are helpers of Christ's work, "each as God enables him."

III. How to Introduce this System.—Let the Session and Trustees each examine the method pertaining to their several departments.

It is better to adopt and introduce them at once, but if the Trustees prefer some other way, the Session may adopt and work the scheme for the benevolent contributions of the Church.

When the plan is decided on, get your cards printed so as to have one for each man, woman and child in the bounds of the Congregation.

Distribute on a Sabbath when there is a full attendance and collect on the next Sabbath. Be prompt in getting all the cards in. Then fill out your Treasurer's Roll. Prepare and distribute the Envelopes, and keep the business up square.

IV. Practical Results as Already Tested.—This plan has been tried by the 1st Presbyterian Church of Bellefonte for some months past, and the results are highly satisfactory. For Church Support more money has been raised than ever was done before in the same length of time, and it has all flowed into the Treasury as a noiseless and steady stream. People who before gave nothing, and seldom entered the Church, are regular contributors and attendants on the service. The Benevolent contributions of the Church will be more than doubled this year.

The temporal interests of the Church were never so prosperous, the gifts to benevolent objects never so large.

The developement of individual interest and effort is manifest, and the growth of the Congregation in spiritual earnestness clearly proves the value of organizing in such a way that every member, as well as friend and adherent is called to aid in the support and spread of the Gospel as God enables him.

The machinery is exceedingly simple and easily worked, with the advantage that Pastor, Elders and Trustees know exactly how each is responding to God's call in this service. In the Congregation the contributions for benevolence are all the way from one-fifth of one cent up to One Dollar per day. Thus the child and the man, the poor and the rich alike join in the Lord's work.

The Chairman of the Committee offered, also, the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz :

In view of the multiplied and urgent calls made upon the Church for money in behalf of the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, the Synod of Harrisburg calls upon every member of the Church under its care to do his part in the great work to which God has called his people. And in order that this result may be secured,

1. *Resolved*, That every Session is enjoined to make this a *memorial year*, by securing the enrollment of each member of their respective churches as a systematic contributor to all the causes which come before the church.

2. That we recommend the system reported by the Synod's committee, as being, by reason of its *simplicity, thoroughness and flexibility*, well adapted to develop the working power of each congregation, and we suggest that an effort be made to introduce it into each church, and get it fully into working order by the first of January, 1871.

Hollidaysburg was chosen as the next place of meeting, and the hour of meeting was fixed at seven o'clock, p m.

The following persons, Revs. J. W. White, A. D. Mitchell, C. P. Wing, D. D., and Elders O. L. Murray and W. A. Mackey, were appointed a committee to bring in a minute for the consideration of Synod in reference to defraying the expenses of Pastors and Elders, by the congregations, when attending the meetings of Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Adams, of the Synod of New Jersey, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Revs. Joseph Waugh and J. W. Wightman appeared and gave reasons for late attendance, which were sustained.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Northumberland report that said Records are not in the house and ask to be discharged. The request was granted.

The Committee to whom were referred the Records of the Presbytery of Carlisle, including the Records of the Presbytery of Harrisburg and of the former Presbytery of Carlisle, report that they find them correct and recommend their approval as far as written The recommendation was adopted and the Committee discharged. The Committee on the Records of the Huntingdon Presbytery recommend their approval as far as written. Report accepted and adopted. Also, the Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Wellsboro' recommend approval as far as written, with the exception that the name of the Presbytery is uniformly omitted. Report accepted and adopted

Rev. W. A. West offered the following resolutions in reference to the financial conditions of the Boards of Foreign and Home Missions, which were adopted, viz:

I. *Resolved*, That this Synod views, with the profoundest sorrow, the present embarrassed condition of our Boards of Foreign and Home Missions, and that we deeply sympathize with them in the consequent difficulties and discouragements experienced.

II. That in the judgment of Synod this ought not so to be; but, on the contrary, this blessed reunion year instead of witnessing a falling off ought to be signalized by a greatly increased liberality in giving to the cause of Him who "hath done great things for us," and whose "are the silver and the gold."

III. That Synod hereby enjoins upon the Pastors and the Sessions of the churches under its care to see to it, not only that the claims of the Boards be presented, but, also,

and *especially*, that some system be adopted whereby, as far as possible, contributions be secured from every church member and every member of their respective congregations.

Elder Bucher, of Silver's Springs, appeared and gave reasons for late attendance which were sustained.

The Presbyteries were enjoined to appoint Standing Committes on the following subjects, viz :—Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Publication, Education, Church Erection, Ministerial Relief, Freedmen and Sabbath Schools.

In compliance with Standing Rule No. X., the Moderator announced the following persons as appointed on the several Synodical Standing Committees :

Home Missions.....Hon. H. W. Williams.
Foreign Missions.....James McCormick.
Publication.....William C. Lawson.
Education.....Dr. John Shoemaker.
Church Erection.....Hon. John Scott.
Ministerial Relief.....R. B. Barber.
Freedmen.....Dr. John Curwen.
Sabbath Schools.....H. N. McAllister.

The Rev. Geo. P. Hays, of the Synod of Pittsburg, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member; also, Rev W. W. Eells, of the Synod of Pittsburg, and Rev. D. P. Lowary, of the Synod of Erie, and Rev. S. G. Clark, of Synod of Missouri.

The following resolutions offered by Rev. Dr. C. P. Wing, were adopted, viz :

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod of Harrisburg would express its judgement of the importance of dissemminating through the press, the great truths held by the Presbyterian Church.

2. That the Presbyteries be exhorted to search out colporteurs to labor in connection with the Board of Publication as directed by the last General Assembly.

3. That the Churches be exhorted to contribute to the support of the Missionary work of this Board, so that its benefits to our feeble Churches and Mission fields be not diminished.

It was made the first order of the day, for the afternoon, to hear Rev. Geo. P. Hays, in behalf of Washington and Jefferson College; Rev. D. P. Lowary, in behalf of the Western Theological Seminary; and Rev. W. W. Eels, in behalf of the Freedmen ; and it was ordered that they be limited to ten minutes each in their remarks.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools appointed at the last meeting of Synod, made a report which was considered, amended and adopted and is as follows, viz;

The Synod of Harrisburg, at its first meeting in Bellefonte, on the 28th of June, adopted the following paper, viz :

"Whereas, The General Assembly has directed the Board of Publication, at as early

a day as possible, to consider the propriety of establishing a department of Sabbath Schools, whose office it shall be to promote the number and efficiency of Sabbath Schools throughout the Presbyterian Church; now, in aid of this movement,

"*Be it Resolved*, That a committee be appointed by the Synod, whose duty it shall be to gather all the information necessary in regard to the condition and working of the Sabbath Schools within our bounds, and report the same at the next meeting of Synod, together with a recommendation of such measures as they deem best suited to put all our Sabbath Schools in the best possible working order."

In accordance with the above, the following Committee was appointed, viz:—Rev. W. T. Wylie, Bellefonte, Rev. T. H. Robinson, Harrisburg, Rev. A. D. Hawn, Williamsport, Rev. J. L. Landis, Coudersport, Rev R. M. Wallace, Altoona, and Elder H. N. McAllister, Bellefonte.

On the adjournment of Synod, the Committees met and unanimously agreed to send down to each Pastor and Congregation, the following questions, viz:

How many Sabbath Schools have you in connection with your Church? Number of Scholars enrolled? How many over 15 years of age? Average attendance? Number of Teachers? Number of Communicants? Number of your Congregation? Number of persons within the bounds of your Congregation attending no Sabbath School? Do you take up weekly Contributions in your school for *Benevolent* objects? What did these Contributions amount to last year? Have you adopted a system of uniform lessons? Have you a Teacher's meeting? When does it meet? Does your Pastor take an active interest in the Sabbath School? What is the number of your Elders? How many actively engaged in the Sabbath School? Is your School kept open the entire year? How many of your Congregation are connected with Union Sabbath Schools as Teachers? How many as Scholars? Number of Teachers and Scholars engaged in the study of the Shorter Catechism? How many were added to the Church from the Sabbath School last year?

This series of questions, amounting to twenty-one in all, your committee prepared, partly, with a view of stirring up the minds of Pastors, Elders and Superintendents to greater diligence and activity in the Sabbath School cause, when they should be laid before them, and, partly, to elicit the information needed for this report. They, accordingly sent a copy to each pastor and Congregation, within our bounds, whose address could be ascertained, asking as prompt and as full a reply as possible, and also soliciting any suggestions, which might tend to throw light on the best means of bringing up all our Sabbath Schools to the highest standard of excellence.

To these questions thus sent forth, replies have been received from *seventy-six* Churches, or Pastoral charges, within our bounds, some being more and some less,

full and complete—Twenty-three are from Churches in the Presbytery of Carlisle—Thirty-one from Churches in the Presbytery of Huntingdon—Seventeen from Churches in the Presbytery of Northumberland—and five from Churches in the Presbytery of Wellsboro'.

The substance of these replies, reduced to a systematic form, as much as circumstances would admit, will be found in the accompanying schedule, or table.

On consulting this table we find that the Churches from which replies have been received, have a membership of 10,535, with about 14,270 persons who attend the stated means of grace. In the bounds of these 76 Churches, there are 120 organized Sabbath Schools, or about 1½ to each Church—with 11,995 enrolled scholars, or about 100 to each school; an average attendanee of 8,331, or about 69 to each school; 2,454 persons over 15 years of age; and 1,483 Teachers, or about 1 to every 8 scholars.

To the question—"What is the number of persons within the bounds of your Congregation attending no Sabbath School?" 9 Churehes only reply, and, from these we find that, within the bounds of these 9 Churches there are 1592 Children who attend no Sabbath School! Applying the same ratio to all the Churehes that have replied to the Committee's circular, we find that there are within the bounds of these 76 Churches, at least, 13,443 Children without Sabbath School instruction!

To the question—"Do you take up weekly contributions in your Sabbath School for *benevolent* objeets?" there are 47 affirmative replies—1 negative, and the balance return no answers. The whole amount conributed by these 47 sehools, for benevolent objects, last year, is 3,934 dollars, or about 83 dollars from each School, or about 1½ dollars each week; or, applying the same ratio to the 76 Churches sending replies, it would be 52 dollars from each Church through the Sabbath School for benevolent purposes, during the year, or one dollar from each of these Churches per week.

About 50 of the Churches, replying to the Committee's circular, or two-thirds have adopted a system of *uniform* lessons: and only 27, or about one-third, have *Teacher's Meetings.*

A large majority of the Pastors appear to take an active interest in their respective sehools, but some, unfortunately, do not.

In the 76 Churches reporting, there are 362 Elders, of whom 179, or less than one-half are actively engaged in the Sabbath School!

A comparatively small number from these 76 Churches are connected with Union Sabbath Schools, as Teachers or Seholars—say about 228 of the former, and 344 of the latter.

Out of 9,814 Teachers and Scholars connected with the Schools, from whose Churches, answers have been received, 3,340, or about one-third, are engaged in the study of the shorter Catechism!

And from the schools of these 76 Churches, 208, or about two-and-a-half per cent. of the average attendance, have been added to the Church, during the last year!

From this brief exhibit, then, it plainly appears;

1st. That there are scarcely half as many Sabbath Schools organized within the bounds of our Churches as there ought to be; That the number of Teachers should be largely increased; and that multitudes of neglected wanderers are yet to be gathered, from the by-ways and hedges of our towns and communities, into the Sabbath School, and taught the precious truths of God's word.

2d. That whilst there is much to be thankful for, in the contributions reported—especially from particular Schools—yet, it is clear, that the subject of systematic giving for benevolent objects, and as a means of grace, needs to be more carefully inculcated, and affectionately urged by those having charge of our Schools.

3d. That great improvement is called for, in the practical working of many of our Schools, especially by the adoption of uniform lessons, and by the organization of Teachers' meetings, for prayer and conference, and preparation for the lesson for the following Sabbath—since experience has taught that these are among the very best means of bringing a school up to the highest standard of excellence.

4th. That, whilst many of our Elders do, indeed, take an active part in the great work of Sabboth School instruction, yet, as it belongs to them, with the Pastor, above all others, to train the young, religiously, we fear that too many of them come short in this matter. Some, indeed, may be so situated as to be unable to take an active part, and others again, from age and infirmity, cannot always be expected to be present, or, if present, to do much active work. But with all these abatements aside, it yet appears, from the reports obtained, that not one-half of all the members of our Sessions, to whom it peculiarly belongs to take the over-sight of our Sabbath Schools, and to train up the precious youth of our Church for God, are engaged in this noble, and infinitely important work!

5th. That another sad defect is found in the want of more general, and thorough Catechetical instruction—For, whilst some attention may be paid to this matter ter in particular families, and in a part of our Schools, yet, it appears from the information gathered, that only about one-third of the Teachers and Scholars connected with our Sabbath Schools, are engagod in the study of that noble compend of Christian Divinity, the shorter Catechism! This Brethren, is a sad, sad, defect—and arises, no doubt, in part, from the want of a proper over-sight of our

Schools, on the part of the Pastors and Sessions of our Churches. It also accounts, in great measure, for the loose sentiments, which often take possesion of the minds of the young, in reference to religious subjects—and for the precocious taste, which they somtimes exhibit, for the poisonous literature of the day—and which renders them averse to the solid and the true—neutralizes every effort that is made for their conversion and salvation, and leads them on, step by step, down the broad road to eternal ruin!

6th. Hence, the sad results of this, and other similar causes, are seen in the paucity of accessions made to the Church, from our Sabbath Schools, during the past year. Only about 2½ per cent., as our statistics show, were added to the Church, by conversion, from our schools, last year! As these schools are the chief source of supply for our Churches, and, as, in all propability, an equal number were removed from the Church, by death, during that period, surely the accessions ought to have been largely in advance of what they actually are. We do not forget that, in conversion, God is sovereign, but the exercises of sovereignity, on his part, is no way inconsistent with a diligent and faithful use of means on our part, and wherever the greatest diligence and fidelity have been exhibited—there the Spirit of all grace has wrought the most powerfully—and the greatest number of souls have been converted and added unto the Church!

In view of the foregoing facts and principles, therefore, your Committee would respectfully recommend the following, viz:

1. *Be it resolved*, That Synod regards the religious training of the young in the Sabbath School as a trust committed exclusively to the Church in her organized capacity—a trust for the fullfilment of which she is held solemnly responsible, andwhich, therefore she cannot neglect without great guilt.

2. That the Sabbath School, rightly organized and properly conducted, is an excellent method whereby the Church may fullfil her obligations to the young. That, as such, she ought to carefully sustain and cherish them where they already exist, and to organize them speedily, wherever they are needed.

3. That this Synod, believing that the Sessions of our Churches are under peculiar obligations to take care of the religious education of the young, solemnly enjoines upon them all, that by their presence and their active services, so far as possible, they direct and cooperate in the whole work of our Sabbath Schools, especially charging them, that they see that the injunction be heeded, viz: That the children be taught to read and repeat the shorter Catechism, the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostle's Creed.

4. That our Presbyteries are hereby directed to devote a due proportion of time, at each stated fall meeting, to a consideration of the interests of Sabbath Schools, to devise such measures as shall most effectually promote their efficiency and prosperity, and to call upon Pastors, Stated Supplies, and Elders to report as to their diligence in the execution of these orders.

5. That this Synod condemns, as injurious to the spiritual welfare of the young, much

of that fictitious literature that finds its way into our Sabbath School libraries, under the garb of the "moral tale"—and respectfully asks the Board of Publication to prepare, as speedily as possible, a sufficient number of sound and wholesome books for all our Sabbath Schools, and thus prevent the introduction of those that are so liable to objection.

6. That we urge upon all our Schools, that have not already done so, the adoption of a system of uniform lessons—and the establishment of Teachers' meeting for prayer and conference—with special reference to their preparation for the work of the ensuing Sabbath.

7. That we urge increased attention to the matter of systematic giving, in all our schools, for benevolent objects—believing it to be an important part of that training which is connected with the Divine blessing, and which is absolutely essential to the making of good and useful Christians.

8. That we recommend, in addition to the regular work assigned to the Sessions and Presbyteries, the holding of conventions as occasion may require, composed of ministers, elders and the officers and teachers of our Sabbath Schools, for the discussion of questions relating to the interests of Sabbath Schools, and for their mutual help and encouragement in the prosecution of this great work.

9. That Church Sessions be required to revise their Sabbath School Libraries, with a view to remove therefrom all books that are not worthy to be read by our children on the Sabbath day.

It was ordered that the foregoing resolutions be read from the pulpits of our churches, and be published in *The Presbyterian*, *The New York Evangelist*, and *The Banner*.

Synod took recess until 2½ o'clock, p. m.

2½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod resumed business.

The Chairman of the Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures have in their hands a lengthy and valuable overture on the subject of the general support of our ministers through the Sustentation Fund, from the Presbytery of Wellsboro'. The Synod having already taken action on this subject, and the General Assembly having the subject in the hands of a large committee, we, therefore, deeming the suggestions of the Overture worthy the attention of the General Assembly's committee on this subject, respectfully refer it to their examination.

The Rev. S. G. Clark, of the Synod of Missouri, and Financial Agent of the Highland University, Kansas, requests the privilege of addressing the Synod on the claims of said University. We recommend that Synod hear him on this subject for ten minutes.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The order of the day having arrived, the Rev D. P. Lowary addressed the

Synod in behalf of the Western Theological Seminary; the Rev. George P. Hays in behalf of Washington and Jefferson College; the Rev W. W. Eells in behalf of the Assembly's Committee on Freedmen, and the Rev. S. G. Clark in behalf of Highland University, Kansas.

The Stated Clerk, in behalf of the Memorial Fund, read a letter addressed to the Synod by the Assembly's committee, and then offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz :

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly urges all the churches under its care to engage thoroughly in the memorial work commended by the General Assembly, and that while they maintain the regular work of the church by liberal contributions they join with it other local and general objects of interest, whereby the welfare of our reunited church may be promoted.

The following resolution, in reference to Highland University, Kansas, offered by Rev. Dr. Strong was adopted :

Resolved, That having listened with great interest to the statements which Rev. S. G. Clark has made, touching the condition and wants of Highland University, the Synod hereby expresses its approval of the object which has brought him before it, and warmly commends the institution which he represents to the sympathies of the churches within its bounds.

A collection was taken up in Synod for this object amounting to $93, which was, on motion, declared to be a part of the Synod's contribution to the Memorial Fund.

The Committee on the Assembly's Minutes reported that they had examined said minutes and found nothing requiring the special attention of Synod, except that which refers to the appointment of standing committees in behalf of the several Boards of the Church, which item has already been referred to a special committee.

An invitation having been received by the Synod to attend a mass meeting of the friends of temperance on Friday evening, the invitation was accepted with thanks, but attendance was conditioned on the fact of the Synod's remaining in session until that time.

The following action was had on the monthly concert of prayer, viz :

Resolved, That this Synod recommend the observance of the montbly concert of prayer for missions in each of our churches, and, in order that the benefit of these services may be shared by the entire congregation, we recommend that, when practicable, such meetings be held on the first Sabbath of each month, at such hour as may be most suititable in each congregation

The committee on the subject of defraying the expenses of ministers and elders attending the Synod made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee appointed to prepare some method of defraying the expenses of the mem-

bers of Synod in attending its meetings report that they deem it unadvisable at present for the Synod to do more than enjoin upon the churches to pay these expenses, both of ministers and elders; and if no other way is provided for raising the money, the officers of the church are directed to have this action of Synod read to the congregation, and a special collection made for this object.

The Committee on Finance and the Treasurer's Accounts report that they have examined the accounts of the treasurer, with the accompanying vouchers, and find them correct. The committee recommend no additional assessment, but respectfully request the Presbyteries still in arrears on last assessment to pay without unnecessary delay. The report was accepted and adopted.

The Stated Clerk was directed to include the minutes of the preliminary meeting of Synod at Bellefonte in the publication of the minutes of the present session of Synod.

The Committee on Leave of Absence report that, for satisfactory reasons, they granted leave of absence to the following persons, viz: Revs. Washington O. Wright, W. G. E. Agnew, R. H. Van Pelt, William Thompson, J. Smith Gordon, G. W. Zahniser, A. B. Jack, J. C. Watson, D. D., S. W. Pomeroy, A. D. Moore; and Elders W. F. Stewart, J. H. Walker, H. N. M'Allister, John Scott, and Samuel Patterson.

The Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion reported. The report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod of Harrisburg, reported at its Session in Harrisburg, October, 1870.

The Committee appointed to draw up a Narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod, respectfully report: The material furnished us by the Presbyterial Narratives is not full enough to enable us to lay before the Synod a very complete view of the state of religion within its bounds; and what we have received came into our hands at so late a date that we have had to perform our work very hastily. We have received Narratives from the Presbyteries of Huntingdon, Northumberland and Wellsboro'—these contain some statements of a discouraging character, relieved, however, by others of a cheering character, showing that while sins and vices and human infirmities are ever present to grieve God's faithful people, and seemingly to cripple the work of the ministry and retard the progress of the Redeemer's kingdom; yet the Lord himself is ever present in his Church according to his promise, shedding light upon her pathway, giving efficacy to her ordinances, strengthening, encouraging and comforting his children, and proving the power of the Gospel to save sinners.

The evils complained of and lamented by the Narratives of the Presbyteries are the prevalence of worldliness among many of the people leading to the neglect of ordinances and suppressing vital piety; the love of pleasure and indulgence in objectionable amusements, especially by the youth of the Churches, tending to divert the attention from the claims of the Gospel, to pervert their tastes and dissipate their lives, and the growing in-

fluence of the monstrous vice of intemperance. In one of the Narratives this last mentioned evil is spoken of as greatly on the increase, and producing disastrous results to an extent truly alarming, and calling for immediate, energetic and effective remedies. Notwithstanding this discouraging tone, the Narratives all assure us that the Gospel is making its conquests in all the Churches. The ordinances are regularity admininistered; the congregations orderly, attentive, and, in many cases, increasing in numbers, in liberality, and in their efficiency in all the Christian activities. One or two instances are mentioned of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in which considerable numbers were gathered into the Churches. Sabbath School instruction and enterprises seem to be receiving more than usual attention in the most of our Churches, and considerable success crowns the efforts made in this direction. This agency for propagating the Gospel, and bringing the young under its salutary influence your Committee thinks cannot be prosecuted with too much energy. It seems to be one of the instrumentalities by which the Good Shepherd would gather the lambs of the fold into his bosom, and bear them in his arms. And we deem it a sign of good things to come, when the children of the Church are instructed in the Gospel through the agency of well regulated Sabbath Schools, and take a lively interest in the efforts thus made in their behalf. But at the same time, we must be careful, that such efforts do not come to supercede that family instruction which the scriptures enjoins as one of the most important requisitions of the family constitution.

On a careful examination of the Presbyterial Narratives which have come into our hands, we are brought to the conclusion, that it is a time of dearth rather than a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, with almost all our Churches; that there are certain evil influences at work which require to be energetically resisted by the ministry, such as worldliness and intemperance, and that the circumstances of our case demand a united effort to secure a general outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Our hope and safety are in the active and powerful presence of the Spirit promised by the Lord, and to be obtained by asking at his Throne of Grace. As this is essential to the success of all our efforts in the work to which the Master has called us, it becomes us to employ our privilege with earnestness, humility and confidence. That the state of religion is so discouraging among us implies that sin lieth at the door; let us try to become deeply conscious of this, and with self-condemnation, humble confession and earnest supplication seek such a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord as will speedily change the whole aspect of our case.

There is not a Church under our care, but what needs the reviving influence of the Holy Spirit; there is not a benevolent enterprise but needs a new impulse to be given it from on high; there is not a Christain activity that ought not to be greatly intensified. In view of the great importance of such a visitation of the Divine Sprit at this time—it would seem to be demanded of us to make a special and united effort throughout our bounds for such a revival as will mark our reunion, and the beginning of our existence as a Synod, as a highly important period in the history of the Presbyterian Church within the territory covered by this Synod. That such a result is possible, we cannot doubt without doubting the word of the Lord Jesus. He has put it within our power by the promise of his Spirit to secure this time of refreshing from his presence. We surely should not be content with our present spiritual poverty, when the store-house of Divine grace is accessible to us, and its rich provisions may be taken freely without money and without price.

JOSEPH STEVENS, *Chairman.*

It was unanimously resolved that the thanks of the Synod be returned to the citizens of Harrisburg, for their kind hospitality; to the Ladies for the adorning of the tables with flowers, and to the reporters of the press who have given a place in their respective papers to the proceedings of Synod.

The following persons were appointed the Committee of arrangements for the meeting of Synod next year at Hollidaysburg, viz :

Rev. D H. Barron, Dr. Crawford Irwin, and Augustus Landis, Esq.

The Salaries of the Stated and Permanent clerks were fixed respectively at $50 and $25.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The roll was called and the following members of Synod were absent without apparent reasons.

Presbytery of Carlisle—Revs. E. Erskine, D. D., J. G. Downing, Wm. B. Craig, J. S. Woodburn, Wm. S. VanCleve.

Presbytery of Huntingdon—Rev. N. G. White.

Presbytery of Northumberland—Revs' D. J. Waller, S. M. Gould.

Presbytery of Wellsboro'—Rev. J. A. Rosseel.

Synod then adjourned to meet on the Thursday following the Third Tuesday of October, 1871, at 7 o'clock p. m., at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania.

Closed with Prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

T. H. ROBINSON, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

SYNOD OF HARRISBURG.

FORMED 1870.

Ministers, 129; Churches, 160; Licentiates, 11; Candidates, 20; Communicants, 17,966.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD FOR 1870—1.

Moderator—Rev. Wm. J. Gibson, D. D.
Stated Clerk—Rev. T. H. Robinson, D. D.
Permanent Clerk—Rev. R. M. Wallace.
Temporary Clerk—Rev. Samuel J. Millikin.
Treasurer—John A. Wier.

1. *Committee on Home Missions*—A. K. Strong, D. D., Wm. Sterling, J. D. Mitchell, D. D. } *Ministers.*
Hon. H. W. Williams, *Elder.*

2. *Committee on Foreign Missions*—C. P. Wing, D. D., E. D. Wells. } *Ministers.*
James McCormick, *Elder.*

3. *Committee on Publication*—Joseph Mahon, C. Otis Thatcher, A. D. Moore. } *Ministers.*
W. C. Lawson, *Elder.*

4. *Committee on Education*—J. A. Crawford, J. A. Rosseel, W. G. E. Agnew. } *Ministers.*
Dr. John Shoemaker, *Elder.*

5. *Committee on Relief for disabled Ministers*—J. A. Murray, D.D. } *Minister.*
R. B. Barber, *Elder.*

6. *Committee on Church Erection*—J. D. Mitchell, D. D } *Ministers.*
T. H. Robinson. }
Hon. John Scott, *Elder.*

7. *Committee on Freedmen*—J. S. Gordon, } *Ministers.*
A. D. Hawn, }
Geo. R. H. Shumway. }
Dr. John Curwen, *Elder.*

8. *Committee on Sabbath Schools*—J. L. Landis. } *Minister.*
Hon. H. N. McAllister, *Elder.*

9. *Committee on Memorial Fund*—Revs. T. H. Robinson, } *Ministers.*
D. H. Barron, }
Joseph Stevens, }
J. F. Calkins. }

W. G. Reed, } *Elders.*
S. S. Blair, }
J. B. Hall, }
Hon. H. W. Williams, }

10. *Committee on the Narrative*—Revs. O. O. McClean, D. D. } *Ministers*
A. D. Hawn, }
H. L. Rex. }

REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. Report of the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Ministers, 38; Churches, 46; Licentiates, 5; Candidates, 6; Communicants, 5,352.

Moderator—Rev. C. P. Wing, D. D., Carlisle, Pa.

Stated Clerk—Rev. A. D. Mitchell, Harrisburg, Pa.

Treasurer—Rev. J. Smith Gordon.

The next stated meeting will be held at Bloomfield, Perry county, on secend Tuesday ef April, 1871.

COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Revs. A. K. Strong, D. D., T. H. Robinson, A. D. Mitchell; Ruling Elders, J. W. Weir, James M'Cormiek.

Foreign Missions—Revs C. P. Wing, D. D., E. Erskine, D. D., George Norcross; Ruling Elders, Henry Harkness, W. G. Reed.

Publication—Revs. Joseph Mahon, D. K. Richardson, J. S. Woodburn; Ruling Elders, J. M. Means, C. A. Howland.

Education—Revs. J A. Crawford, J. W. Wightman, I. N. Hays; Ruling Elders, J C. M'Laughlin, J. C. Austin.

Church Erection—Revs. T. H. Robinson, A. K. Strong, H. L. Rex, A. D. Mitchell; Ruling Elders, John A. Weir, James Elder.

Ministerial Relief—Revs. Joseph A. Murray, D. D., G. Norcross; Ruling Elder, J. C. Hoffer.

Freedmen—Revs. J. S. Gordon, W. A. West; Ruling Elders, H. M. Graydon, Dr. John Curwen.

Sabbath Schools—

Memorial Fund—Rev. T. H. Robinson; Elder, W. G. Reed.

REPORT OF CHANGES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE FROM OCTOBER 6, 1869, TO JUNE 29, 1870, THE DATE OF ITS RECONSTRUCTION.

RECEIVED.

Oct. 27, 1869—Rev. James J. Hamilton, from the Presbytery of Huntingdon.
April 13, 1870—Rev. Ebenezer Erskine, D. D., from the Presbytery of Chicago.
" " Rev. David K. Richardson, from the Presbytery of Maumee.
" " Rev. Addison K. Strong, D. D., from the Presbytery of Mohawk.
June 14, 1870—Rev. J. G. Downing, from the Presbytery of Steubenville.
April 12, 1870—Rev Joseph Nelson, a foreign minister, by permission of the General Assembly.

ORDAINED.

June 15, 1870—C. Augustus Wyeth, Galen W. Seiler.

INSTALLED.

Nov. 22, 1869—Rev. J. J. Hamilton, as pastor of the church of Buffalo, and Nov. 23, 1869, as pastor of the Upper church.
April 14, 1870—Rev. E. Erskine, D. D., as pastor of the church of Big Spring.
May 6, 1870—Rev. D. K. Richardson, as pastor of the church of Middle Spring.
June 14, 1870—Rev. A. K. Strong, D. D., as pastor of the Pine street church, Harrisburg.

June 26, 1870—Rev. C. A. Wyeth, as pastor of the Seventh street church, Harrisburg.

DISSOLVED.

April 12, 1870—The pastoral relation between the Rev. H. K. M'Comb and the church of Bloomfield.

April 13, 1870—The pastoral relation between the Rev. James Harper, D. D., and the church of Shippensburg.

DISMISSED.

April 13, 1870—Rev. Davis L. Rathbun, to the Presbytery of Baltimore.

" " Rev. H. K. M'Comb, to the Presbytery of Schuyler.

LICENSED.

June 15, 1870—Oliver M. Green, Stephen O. B. M'Curdy.

At its last stated meeting under the old organization, the Presbytery consisted of 38 ministers, and had under its care 55 churches, 6 licentiates, and 6 candidates Of these, 33 ministers and 42 churches remain in the Presbytery as reconstructed. It now consists of 38 ministers, and has under its care 46 churches, 5 licentiates, and 5 candidates.

CHANGES IN THE PRESBYTERY FROM DATE OF RECONSTRUCTION, JUNE 29, 1870.

RECEIVED.

Oct. 4, 1870—Rev John Edgar, from the Presbytery of Westminster.

DISSOLVED.

Oct. 5, 1870—The pastoral relation between the Rev. J. W. Wightman and the churches of Greencastle and Waynesboro'.

" " The pastoral relation between the Rev W. B. M'Kee and the church of Silver's Spring.

DISMISSED.

June 29, 1870—Mr. Samuel M. Johnson, licentiate to the Presbytery of Allegheny.

Oct. 5, 1870—Rev. David Sterret, to the Presbytery of Huntingdon.

Report of the Presbytery of Harrisburg.

This Presbytery at the date of its last annual report to the General Assembly, April 1, 1870, consisted of 9 ministers, and had under its care 10 churches and 1 licentiate. Of its ministers, 3, and of its churches, 4, remain with its successor, the Presbytery of Carlisle.

CHANGES IN THE PRESBYTERY.

DISMISSED.

Oct. 18, 1869—The Rev. Charles M. Blake, to the Presbytery of Oregon; and Rev. Hiram Baker, to the Presbytery of Catawba. (These letters were renewed May 4, 1870, on account of their failure to reach the parties.)

May 4, 1870—Rev. John E. Long, to the Presbytery of Courtland.

" " Mr. J. L. Landis, licentiate to the Presbytery of Wellsboro'.

II. Report of the Presbytery of Huntingdon.

Ministers, 43; Churches, 56; Licentiates, 5; Candidates, 11; Communicants 7,167.

Moderator—Rev. R. M. Wallace, Altoona, Pa.

Stated Clerk—Rev. Robt Hamill, D. D., Boalsburg, Pa.

Treasurer—

The next stated meeting will be held at Bellefonte, on the 2nd Tuesday of April, 1871, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

COMMITTEES.

Home Missions,
Foreign Missions,
Publication,
Education,
Church Erection,
Ministerial Relief,
Freedmen,
Sabbath Schools.
Memorial Fund—Rev. D. H. Barron, Elder J. S. Blair.

CHANGES DURING THE YEAR IN THE LATE PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON.

RECEIVED

Dec. 1869—Rev. Thad. McRae,
April, 1870, Rev. James J. Coale,
June 1870, Rev. Joseph C. Kelley,

ORDAINED.

Dec. 1869—Andrew Parker,
June, 1870, Saml. S. Wallen.

INSTALLED.

Dec. 1869—Rev. Thad. McRae, as pastor of the churches of Waynesburg and Newton Hamilton.

May, 1870—Rev. W. O. Wright, as pastor of the churches of Millersburg, Moshannon and Snow Shoe.

Dec. 1869—Rev. Andrew H. Parker as pastor of the church of East Kishacoquillas.

June, 1870—Rev. J. C. Kelley as pastor of the church of Spruce Creek.

" " Rev. Samuel S. Wallen, as pastor of the church of Middle Tuscarora.

DISSOLVED.

April, 1870—The pastoral relation between the Rev. John P. Hudson, and the church of Lick Run.

April, 1870—The pastoral relation between the Rev. R. L. McCune, and church of Bethel.

DISMISSED.

April, 1870—Rev. Cochrain Forbes,

June, " Rev. Wm. Y. Brown,

" " Rev. Joseph H. Stevenson.

LICENSED.

June, 1870—W. H. Fillson, E. P. Forsman, and J. H. Stewart.

CHANGES IN THE PRESENT PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON.

DISSOLVED.

Oct., 1870—The pastoral relation between the Rev. S. M. Moore, and the church of Alexandria.

DISMISSED.

Oct., 1870—Rev. John P. Hudson, to the Presbytery of Northumberland.

" " Rev. L. L. Haughawout, to ————————

LICENSED.

Oct., 1870—James W. Boal.

DIED.

Sept., 1870—Rev. John H. Clarke.

III. Report of the Presbytery of Northumberland.

Ministers, 32; Churches, 44; Licentiates, 1; Candidates, 4; Communicants 4,836.

Moderator—Rev. William Sterling.

Stated Clerk—Rev. William Simonton, Williamsport.

Treasurer—Rev. William Simonton.

The next stated meeting will be held at Berwick, on the third Tuesday of April, 1871, at 2½ p. m.

COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Rev. Messrs Sterling, Simonton, Hawn and Caldwell.
Elders—Dr. A. Hepburn, Col. B. W. Thompson.
Foreign Missions—
Publication—Rev. A. D. Moore.
Education—Rev. Messrs Agnew, Stevens and Nesbit.
Church Erection—
Ministerial Relief—
Freedmen—Rev. A. D. Hawn.
Sabbath Schoool—
Narrative—Rev. D. J. Waller.
Memorial Fund—Rev. Joseph Stevens, Elder John B. Hall.

CHANGES DURING THE YEAR IN THE LATE PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

RECEIVED.

Feb. 8, 1870—Rev. R. H. Van Pelt, from the Presbytery of Steubenville.
" " Rev. S. C. McElroy, from the Presbytery of New Jersey.
" " Rev. J. C. Caldwell, from the Presbytery of Washington.
April 20, 1870—S. J. Milliken, from the Presbytery of Huntingdon.

INSTALLED.

Feb. 8, 1870—Rev. R. H. Van Pelt, as pastor of the Grove Church.
April 20, 1870—Rev. J. C. Caldwell, as pastor of the church of Lycoming
May 27, 1870—Rev. S. C. McElroy, as pastor of the churches of Washingtonville and Derry.
July 14, 1870—Rev. S. J. Milliken, as pastor of the church of Sunbury.
July 12, 1870—Rev. A. D. Hawn, as pastor of the 3d church of Williamsport.

DISSOLVED.

Dec. 14, 1869—The pastoral relation between the Rev. A. D. Hawn and the churches of Lycoming and Linden.
Feb. 8, 1870—The pastoral relation between the Rev. Orr Lawson and the church of Sunbury.
March 1, 1870—The pastoral relation between the Rev. J. P. Conkey and the church of Shamokintown.

DISMISSED.

Feb. 8, 1870—Rev. Orr Lawson, to the Presbytery of New Castle.
March 1, 1870—Rev. J. P. Conkey, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Report of Presbytery of Wellsboro'.

Ministers, 16; Churches, 14; Licentiates, —; Candidates, —; Communicants, 611.

Moderator—Rev. E. B. Benedict, Elkland.

Stated Clerk—Rev. J. D Mitchell, Wellsboro'.

Treasurer—Rev. J. D. Mitchell, Wellsboro'.

The next stated meeting will be held at Elkland, Pa., on the seeond Tuesday of April, 1871, at 2 o'elock, p. m.

COMMITTEES.

Foreign Missions—Revs. E. D. Wells, S. A. Rawson; Elder, H. T. Ryon.

Home Missions—Revs. J. D. Mitehell, D. D., J. L. Landis; Elder, Hon. H. W. Williams.

Publication—Revs C. Otis Thatcher, Walter S. Drysdale; Elder, John B. Van Name

Education—Revs. Joseph A. Rosseel, Edward Kennedy; Elder, Charles H. Verrill.

Church Erection—Revs. J. D. Mitehell, D. D., John. L. Landis; Elder, Hon. H. W. Williams.

Ministerial Relief—

Freedmen—Revs. George R. H. Shumway, S. A. Rawson; Elder Samuel Roekwell.

Sabbath Schools—Rev. J. L Landis.

Memorial Fund—Rev. J. F. Calkins, Hon. H. W. Williams

CHANGES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF WELLSBORO' SINCE ITS REORGANIZATION.

Rev. D. W. Eakins, late S. S. at Arnot, is now Chaplin in the U. S. Army, New Mexieo.

Attendance on Synod.

Year.	*Place.*	*No. of Members*	*No. of Churches*	*Ministers*	*Elders*	*Total*	*Moderator.*
1870	Bellefonte.	129	160	51	41	92	Rev. Thomas Creigh, D. D.
1870	Harrisburg, Pine St.	129	160	78	45	123	Rev. William J. Gibson, D. D.

MINISTERS

OF THE

SYNOD OF HARRISBURG.

1. Presbytery of Carlisle.

NAMES.	ADDRESS.
Robert M'Cachren	Newville, Pa.
Thomas Creigh, D. D	Mercersburg.
Conway P. Wing, D. D	Carlisle,
Alexander K. Nelson	Chambersburg,
James Harper, D. D	Shippensburg,
Joseph A. Murray, D. D	Carlisle,
James F. Kennedy	Chambersburg,
Andrew D. Mitchell	Harrisburg,
Joseph Mahon	Shippensburg,
David C. Meeker	Dauphin,
James J. Hamilton	Blair,
Ebenezer Erskine, D. D	Newville,
J. G. Downing	Newport,
Isaac N. Hays	Chambersburg,
William A. West	Spring Run,
William B. Craig	Duncannon,
J Smith Gordon	Fannetsburg,
Thomas H. Robinson, D. D	Harrisburg,
Addison K. Strong, D. D	Harrisburg,
James W. Wightman	Chambersburg,
Samuel B. Smith	Gettysburg,
Henry L. Rex	Middletown,
J. Agnew Crawford	Chambersburg,
James S. Woodburn	Dickinson,
William B. McKee	Mechanicsburg,
William Thomson	Duncannon,
D. K. Richardson	Shippensburg,
Robert McPherson	Landisburg,
Stephen W. Pomeroy	McConnellsburg,
William S. Vancleve	Gettysburg,
George Norcross	Carlisle,
William H. Hillis	Gettysburg,
O. H. Miller	Harrisburg,
Samuel W. Reigart	Mechanicsburg,
Charles A. Wyeth	Harrisburg,
John Edgar	Bloomfield,
Galen W. Seiler	Foreign Missionary.
Edwin Emerson	

II. Presbytery of Huntingdon.

NAMES.	ADDRESS.
Matthew Allison	Mifflintown,
Samuel Hill	
Samuel Lawrenee	Lewistown,
Britton E. Collins	Shirleysburg,
William J. Gibson, D. D	Duncansville,
David Sterrett	Carlisle,
N. G. White	Williamsburg,
Samuel H. McDonald	Belleville,
Moses Floyd	Belleville,
Oliver McClean, D. D	Lewistown,
William Prideaux	Smith's Mills,
Robert Hamill, D. D	Boalsburg,
George W. Newell	Ansonville
George W. Zahniser	Huntingdon,
Robert M. Wallace	Altoona,
William T. Wylie	Bellefonte,
John W. White	Milroy,
R. Lewis McCune	Shaver's Creek,
Joseph H. Mathers	Antestown,
Thaddeus McRae	McVeytown,
Robert F. Wilson	Bedford,
David H. Barron	Hollidaysburg,
S. Miller Moore	Alexandria,
Robert C. Bryson	Pine Grove Mills,
R. J. Graves	Saxton,
John H. Sargent	Osceola,
John P. Clark	Kelley,
Washington O. Wright	Milesburg,
William M. Burchfield	Curwinsville,
James P. Hughes	Bellefonte,
John C. Wilhelm	Schellsburg,
J. E. Kearns	Waterloo,
S. S Orris	Graysville,
Henry S. Butler	Clearfield,
Joseph Waugh	Hollidaysburg,
Richard M. Campbell	Belleville,
William C. Kuhn	Shade Gap,
L. L. Haughawout	
Andrew H. Parker	Reedsville,
James J Coale	Arch Spring,
Joseph C. Kelley	Spruee Creek,
Samuel S. Wallen	
James Smith	

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III. Presbytery of Northumberland.

James C. Watson, D. D	Milton,
Isaac Grier, D. D	Mifflinburg,
William Sterling	Williamsport,

NAMES.	ADDRESS.
Phinehas B. Marr	Lewisburg,
David Hull	Dewart,
David J. Waller	Bloomsburg,
W. G. E. Agnew	Mill Hall,
Joseph Stevens	Jersey Shore,
William Simonton	Williamsport,
John Thomas	Bloomsburg,
S. Smith Sturges	Sunbury,
Archiblald Herron	Muney,
Joseph Nesbit	Loek Haven,
Philip W. Meliek	Bloomsburg,
James D. Reardon	Mifflinburg,
Alexander B. Jaek	Danville,
Samuel P. Herron	MeEwensville,
Charles H. Park	Pottsgrove,
Samuel J. Milliken	Sunbury,
Abram D. Hawn	Williamsport,
Alexander D. Moore	Northumberland,
Frederiek J. Kolb	MeEwensville,
Henry G. Finney	Cogan Station,
Nathaniel Spear	Orangeville,
Benjamin T. Jones	Lewisburg,
Reuben H. Van Pelt	Danville,
James Diekson	Berwiek,
Solomon C. McElroy	Washingtonville,
John C. Caldwell	Newberry,
John P. Hudson	
Alvin C. Campbell	Renovo,
S. M. Gould	

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IV. Presbytery of Wellsboro'.

Elijah D. Wells	Lawrenceville,
Sidney Mills	Lawreneeville,
Geo. R. H. Shumway	Lawreneeville,
Samuel A. Rawson	Nelson,
Elihu B. Benedict, M. D.	Elkland,
Joseph A. Rosseel	Mansfield,
James F. Calkins	Wellsboro',
Jaeob D. Mitehell, D. D.	Wellsboro',
Frederiek Graves	Tioga,
Walter S. Drysdale	Lawrenceville,
David W. Eakins	Arnot,
Edward Kennedy	Fall Brook,
John Caldwell	Blossburg,
John L. Swain	Raymond,
C. Otis Thateher	Tioga,
John L. Landis	Coudersport,

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